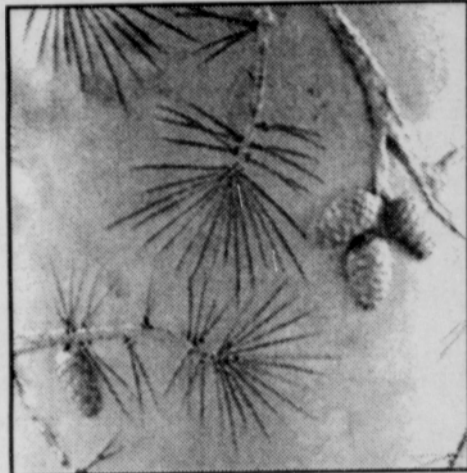


Special show at Japanese Gardens

The fifth annual Interiors By Invitation Japanese garden show will be held Sept. 7-17, from 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily in the Garden's Pavilion.

This event features 37 Pacific Northwest artists, including Jeff Patterson of Iota Ceramics in Vernonia, whose works are inspired by Asian aesthetics. The theme, in honor of the Year of the Dragon, is "Fire Jewels." These "jewels" are created from wood, paper, glass, bamboo, fiber, metal and clay. They are in the forms of furniture, sculpture, fine arts and accessories and richly harmonize traditional Northwest style and Japanese simplicity.



Pine branch motif, shown in this detail of the jar, is partly carved and attached on the surface of the jar, and partly etched into the surface, creating a multi-dimensional design.

This popular autumn show and sale provides the viewer with fabulous decor ideas. Come and meet the artists on Sunday, Sept. 10, from 1-3:00 p.m. and learn what inspired their creations.

The fire jewels are one-of-a-kind items, so the earlier one comes the better the selection. Admission to the event is free with admission to the Garden — \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors (62 and up), and \$3.50 for students (College ID required). Children under the age of six are free.

The Garden is located at 611 S.W. Kingston Ave., just west of the International Rose Test Gardens in Washington Park.

Never thrust your sickle into another's corn.



Among the items Jeff Patterson will display is this hand-built earthenware storage jar, approximately 36 inches high. The cloth over the opening is bronze-colored silk, which complements the bronze glaze on the jar. The lid fasteners are raffia.

Art show features natural beauty

The public is invited to enjoy "Nature's Palette," a show of art inspired by the garden, at the Gallery at Columbia Center, 375 S. 18th Street in St. Helens

The featured artist is Corinne Barclay, who will display

play floral arrangements. Also on display will be contributions from the Columbia County Master Gardeners and both live and cut flower arrangements.

Simply Delicious Catering, of Vernonia, will provide refreshments.



A throng of seventh and eighth grade students at Washington Grade School gathered to get class assignments on Sept. 5, the first day of the new school year.

Love to write poetry? This contest may be for you

The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$58,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. Poets from all areas, particularly beginners are urged to try winning a share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is Nov. 30. The contest is open to everyone and the

entry is free.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," said Fran Campos, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic works can win cash prizes, as well as gain national recognition.

To enter, send one original poem of 20 lines or less, any subject and style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19909, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poet's name and address should appear

at the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via internet at <www.poetry.com> by Nov. 30.

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